

# Family of Interoperable Operational Pictures (FIOP)



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## Mission

USD(AT&L) focal point for advancing joint and coalition interoperability by building system-of-systems capabilities in support of future operations.

***-- Interoperability --  
Achieving 100% of Operational Capability***

***Cooperation with allies and coalition partners from the beginning.***

# What is Interoperability?

**“Ability of systems, units, or forces to provide services to and accept services from other systems, units, or forces and to use the services so exchanged to enable them to operate effectively together.”**

***(JCS Pub 1)***

- **Interoperability today is a critical problem in joint force & combined operations -- CINC's top issue**
- **Getting worse, not better, as new coalition partners develop, complex systems are acquired, and “fixes” to past problems are applied in stove-piped fashion**
- **Joint Vision 2020 calls for increasingly network centric warfare, dependent upon fully interoperable systems**

# Interoperability - The Way Ahead

## Today's Systems:

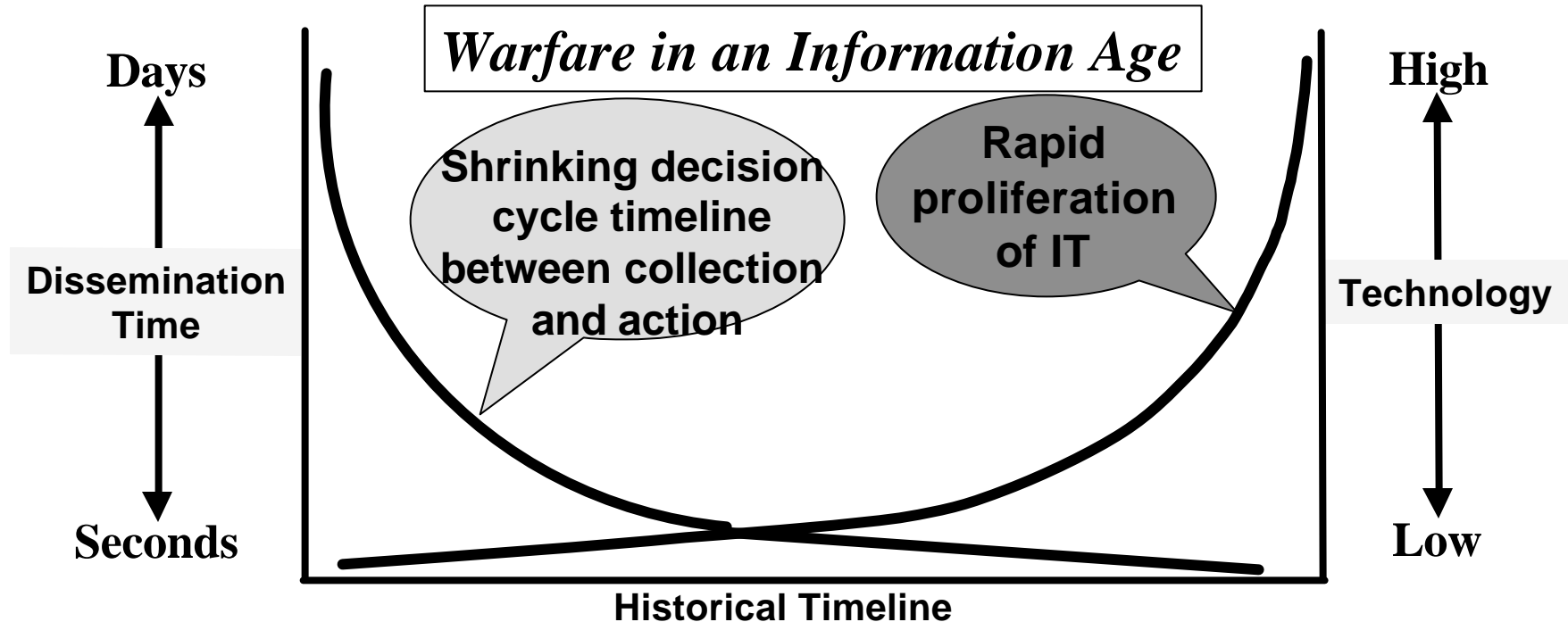
- Tactics/Techniques/Procedures to best use today's systems
- Technology/SW fixes to make today's systems more interoperable

## Future Systems:

- Acquisition processes for new systems and upgrades focused on interoperability (requirements, standards, development, testing) - systems must be “born joint”

# Evolving Today's Systems - An Example

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***Network Centric Warfare, Joint Battlespace Infosphere, and the Digitized Battlefield*** require a coherent, consistent, and unambiguous view of the battlespace --- containing actionable, decision quality information, and with the goal of achieving decision superiority during combat operations.

Need to get from "knowing to doing" inside any enemy's decision cycle  
...an ISR, C2 and battlespace management problem

## **A Key Interoperability Challenge ...in getting from “knowing to doing”**

- No coherent view of the battlespace from CINC to Soldier/Sailor/Airman/Marine....
  - Hinders the ability to prosecute a fully coordinated strategy
  - Unable to achieve full system effectiveness
- What do we do about it?
  - FIOP....

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# Today's Problem

Inadequate interoperability = fratricide, leakers, lack of effectiveness

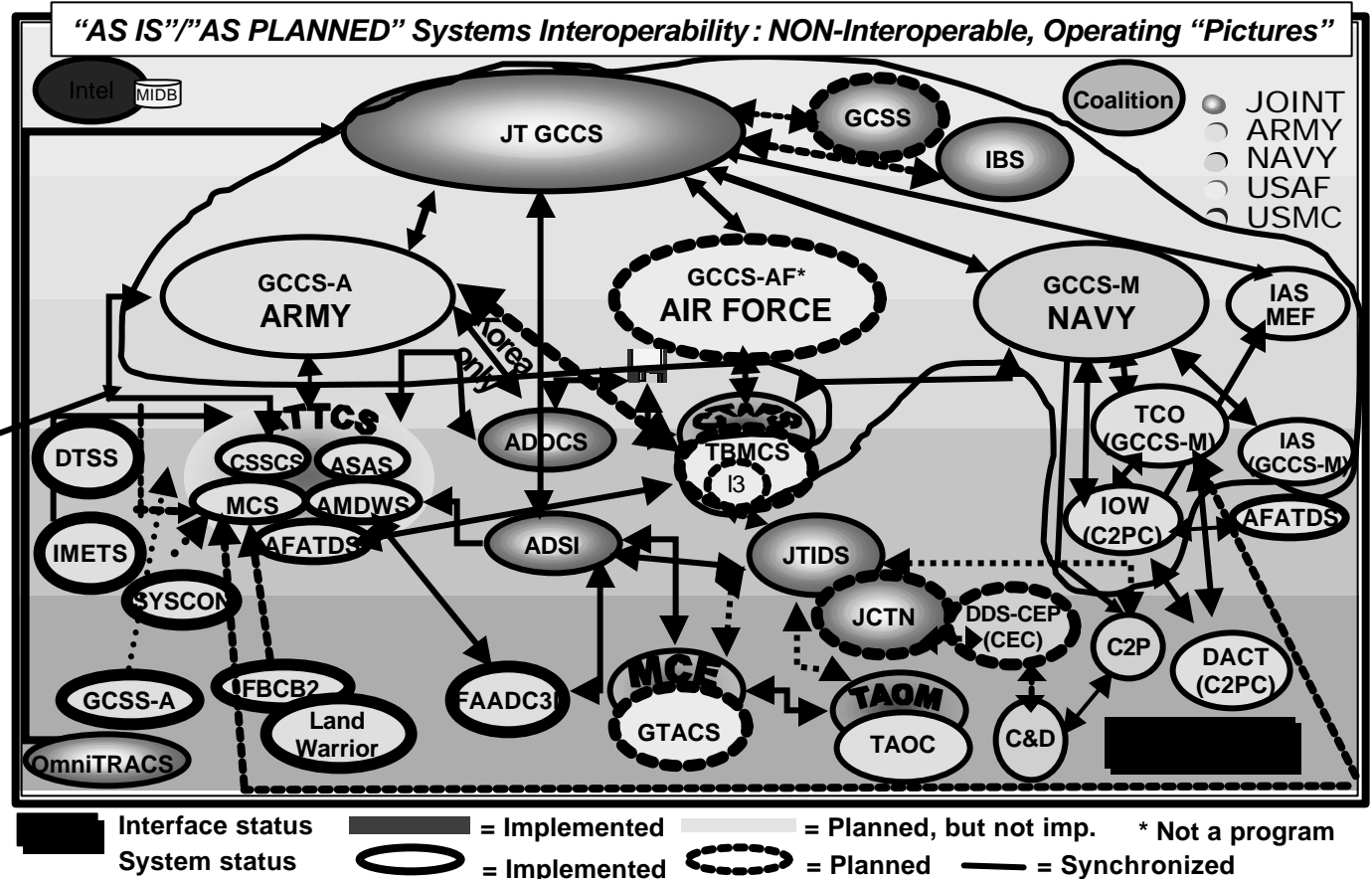
## USER CONCEPT CORRESPONDING SYSTEMS: "As-Is / As Planned"

CINC Operational-level "pictures"

JTF Tactical-level "pictures"

Capability to synch these systems IF identical COE level & SW version w/ COP Synch Tools

Firing Unit Aerospace, Ground, Maritime "pictures"



- *The cause:* multiple systems, conceived and developed individually
- Compounding the problem: systems, TTP, missions changing continuously, new coalition partners, stovepiped intelligence dissemination

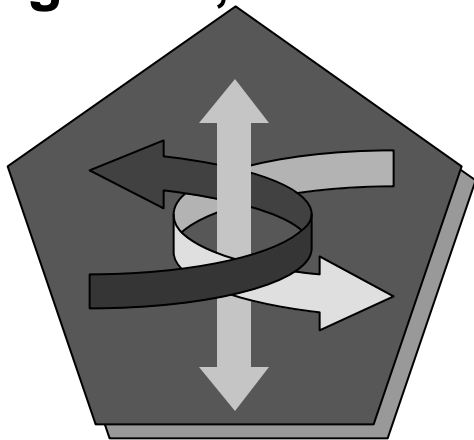
### Notes:

- Some Svc systems deployed on other Svc platforms
- As is depicts presence in at least one CINC theater

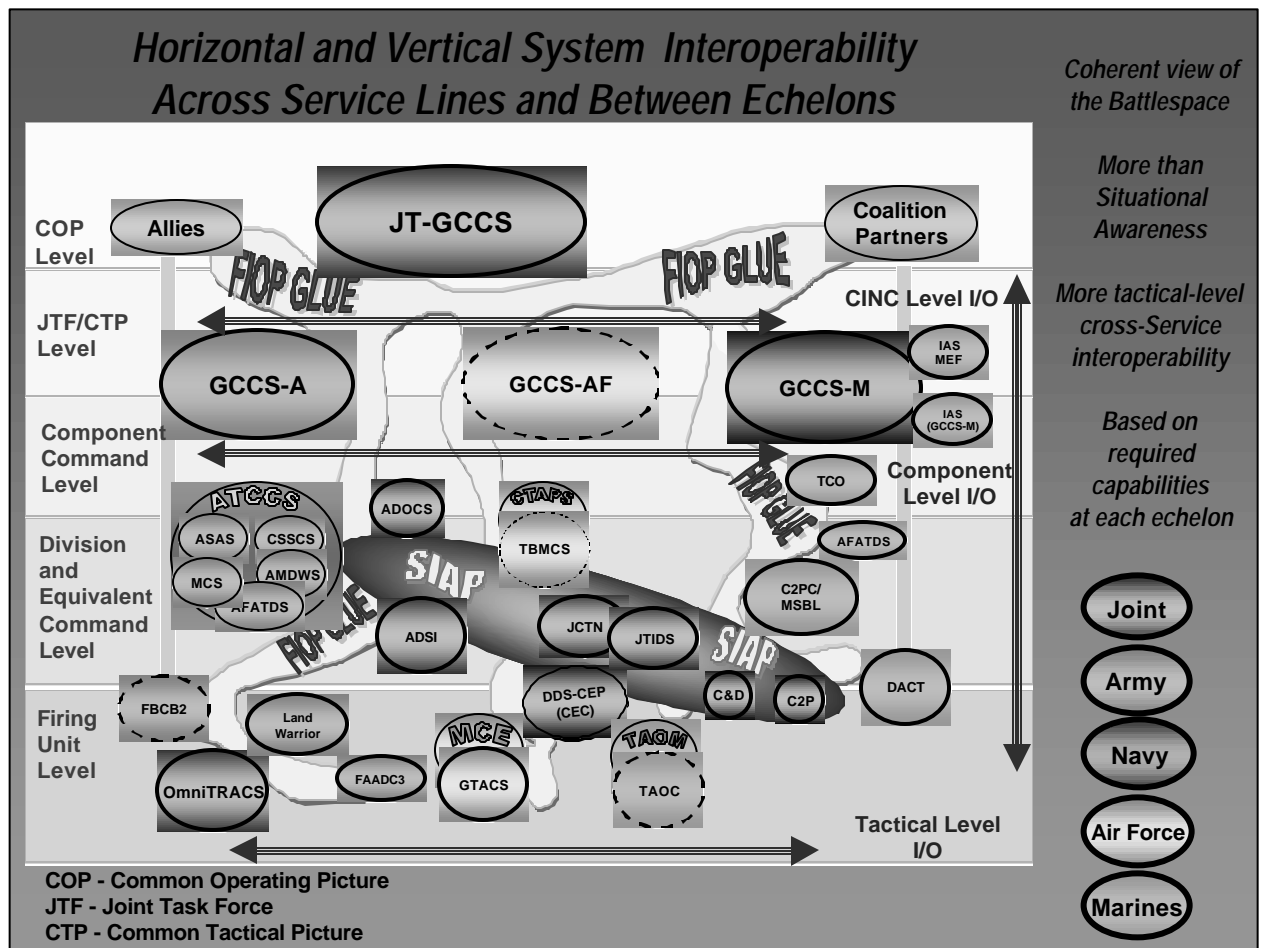


# FIOP - Federating the Battlespace Pictures

- A coherent view of the battlespace from the CINC to the soldier/sailor/airman/marine, beyond situational awareness to include battlespace management, fire support, intelligence, logistics, etc.



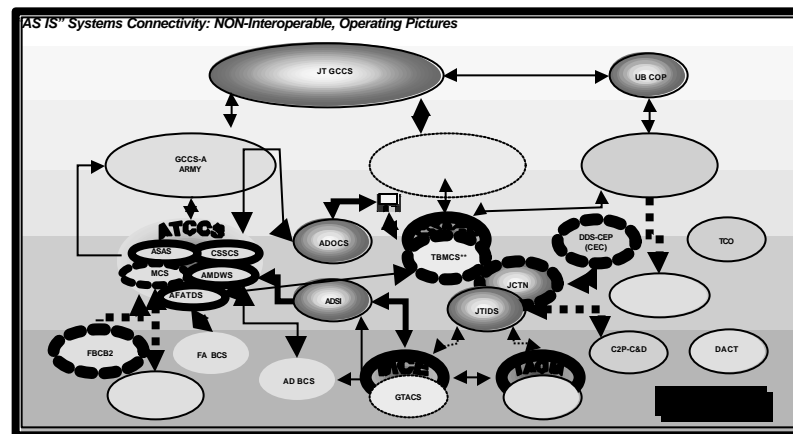
- Drawn from federated and/or interoperable databases
- Configured according to user needs



# How to Implement the FIOP Concept

## FIOP Systems Architecture: Needed interoperability of Service systems

- What are the “communities of shared interest” that need to be interoperable?
- Assess whether there are any interoperability changes that can immediately fill a gap in required capabilities
  - - e.g., USA/USMC tactical system I/O



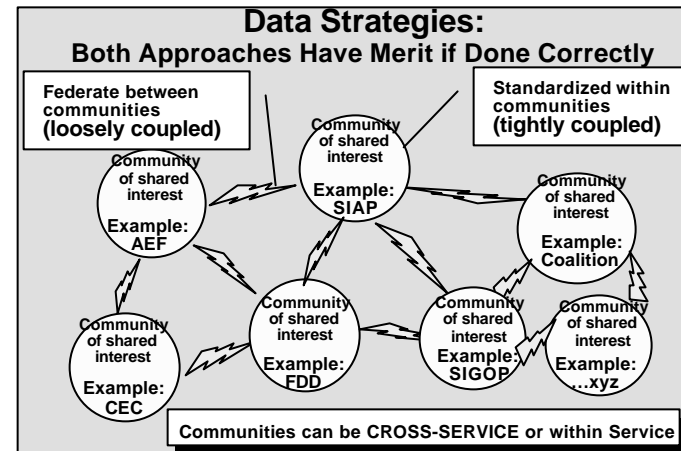
Systems Engineering

# The “Glue”: How to Implement the FIOP Concept

## Specific Technical Tasks:

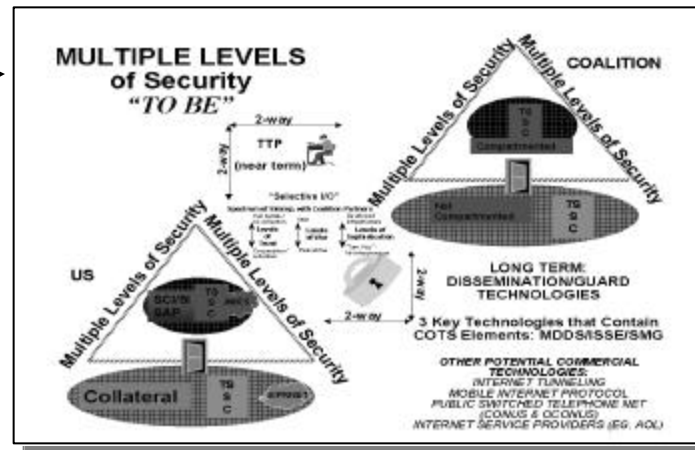
### 1. Federating Data Strategy →

- Federating heterogeneous data bases  
(e.g., one size does NOT fit all)



### 2. Information Security →

- Adopting commercial
- Allied/coalition friendly

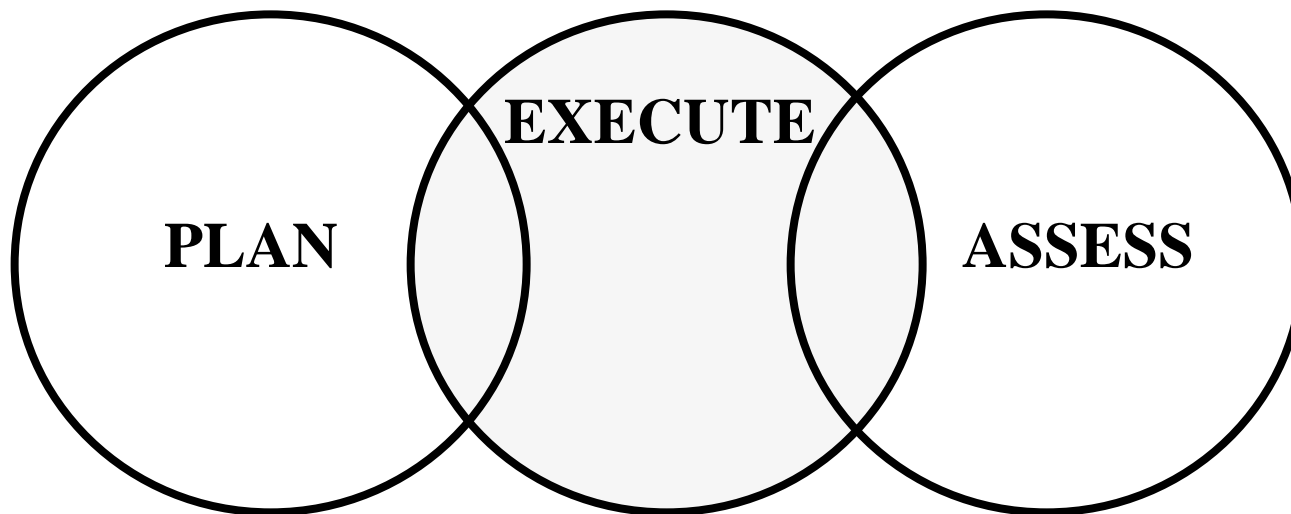


- ### 3. Track & sensor fusing
- Track Quality Indicators
  - Joint Composite Tracking Network  
/Joint Data Network Gateway
  - Efficient JTIDS coding schemes

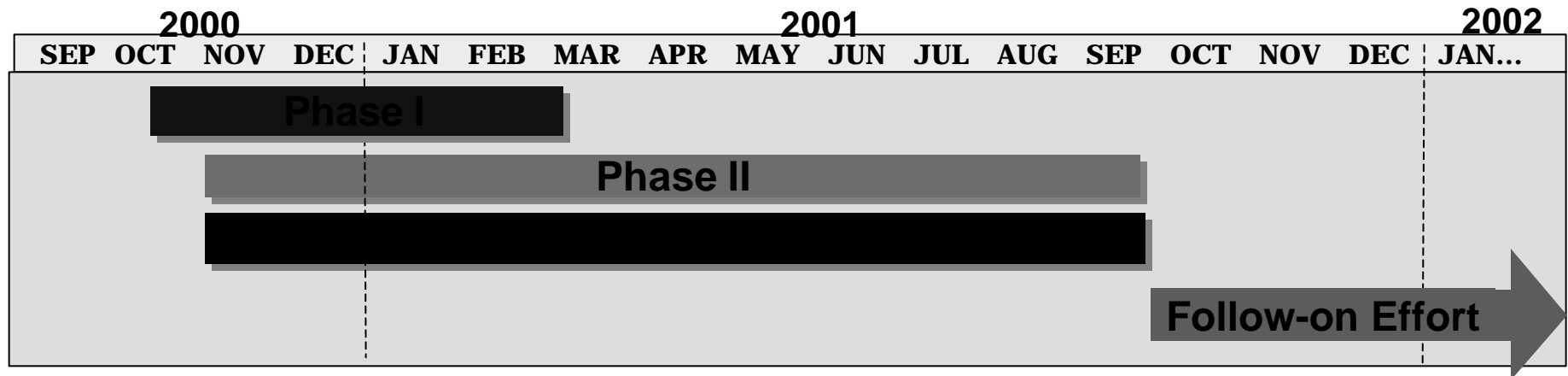
# Service Implementation Planning for FIOP

**Goal: All-source pictures of the battlespace to provide warfighters real-time operational relevant picture with actionable decision quality information**

*The view of the battlespace provided to the warfighter must be more than a visualization tool and must be focused on execution of combat operations.*

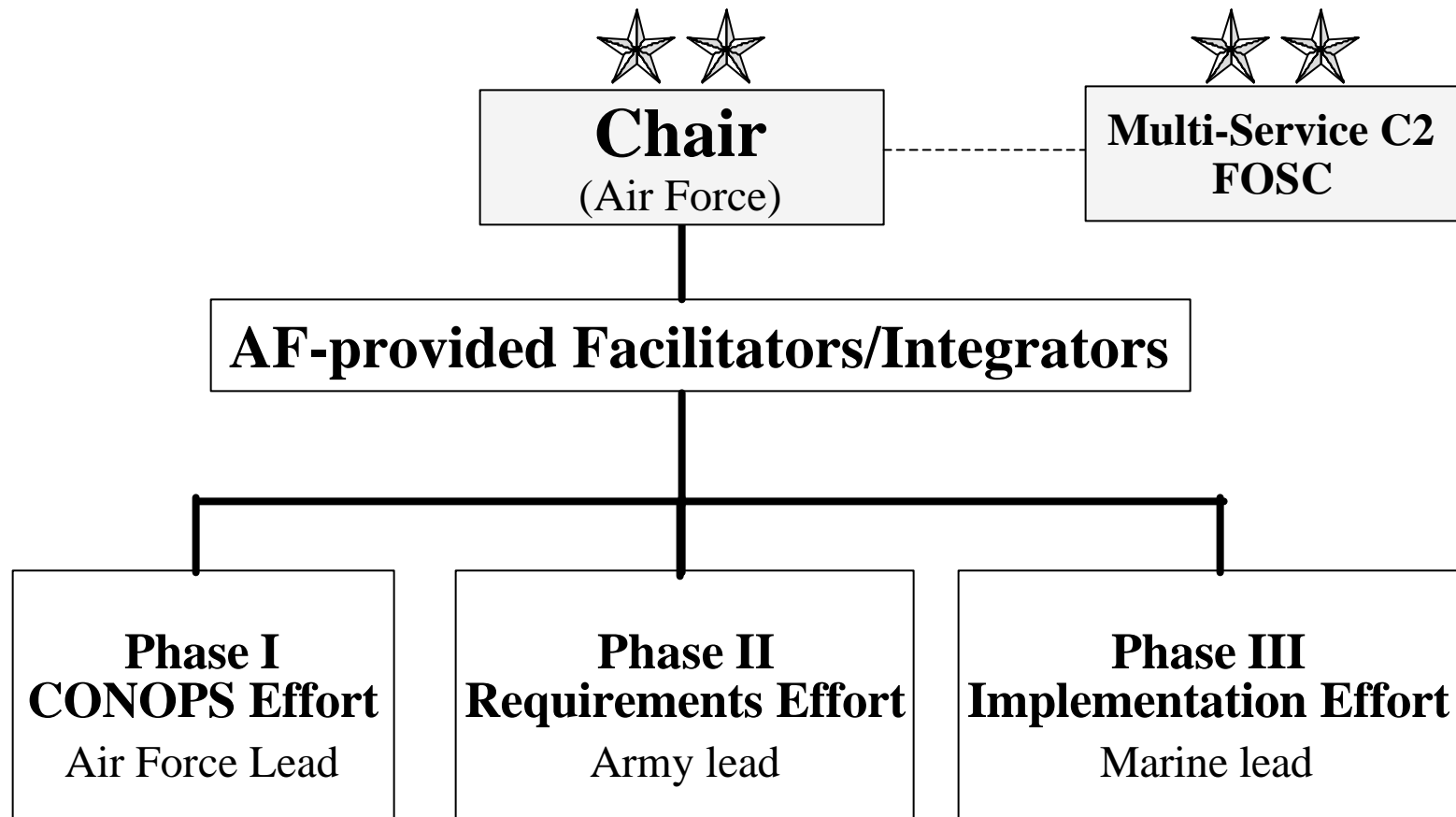


# Service Implementation of FIOP - Initial Planning -



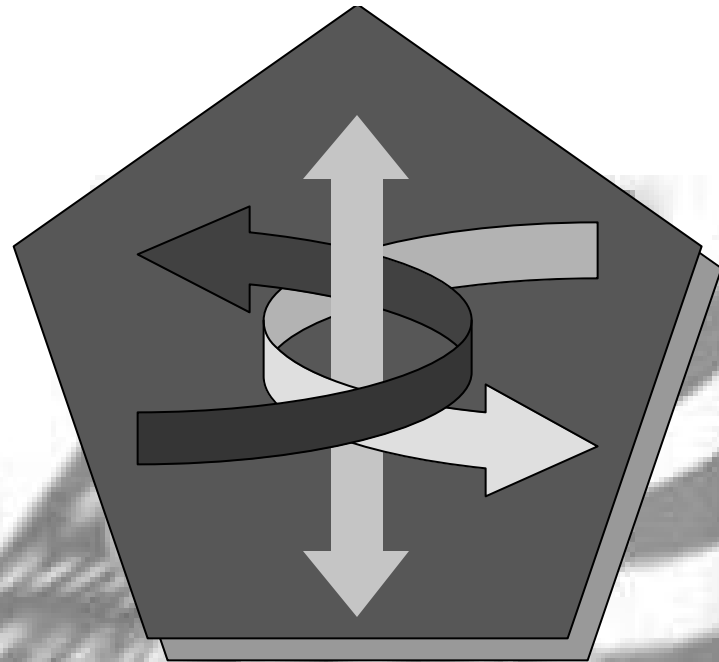
- ***Phase I: Oct 00 – Feb 01: CONOPS***  
AF led; develop Joint CONOPS
- ***Phase II Nov 00 – Sep 01: Requirements Definition***  
Army led; develop appropriate requirements document.
- ***Phase III: Nov 00 – Sep 01: Implementation Strategy***  
Marine Corps led; develop implementation strategy.
- ***Follow-on: Starting FY02: Implementation***

# Service FIOP Planning Organization

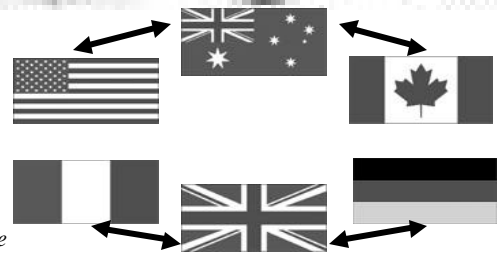
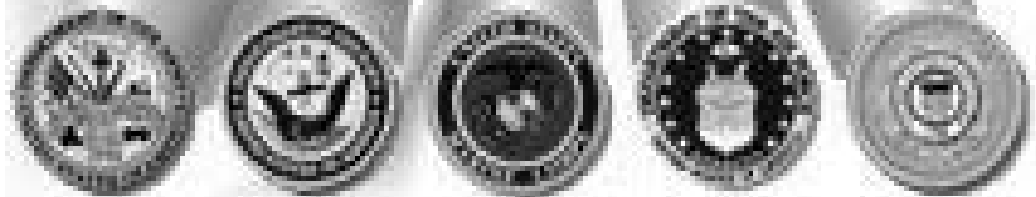
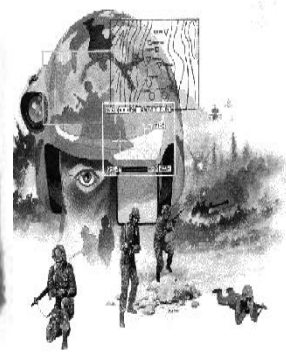




# FIOP



## *Bringing JV2020 Into Focus*



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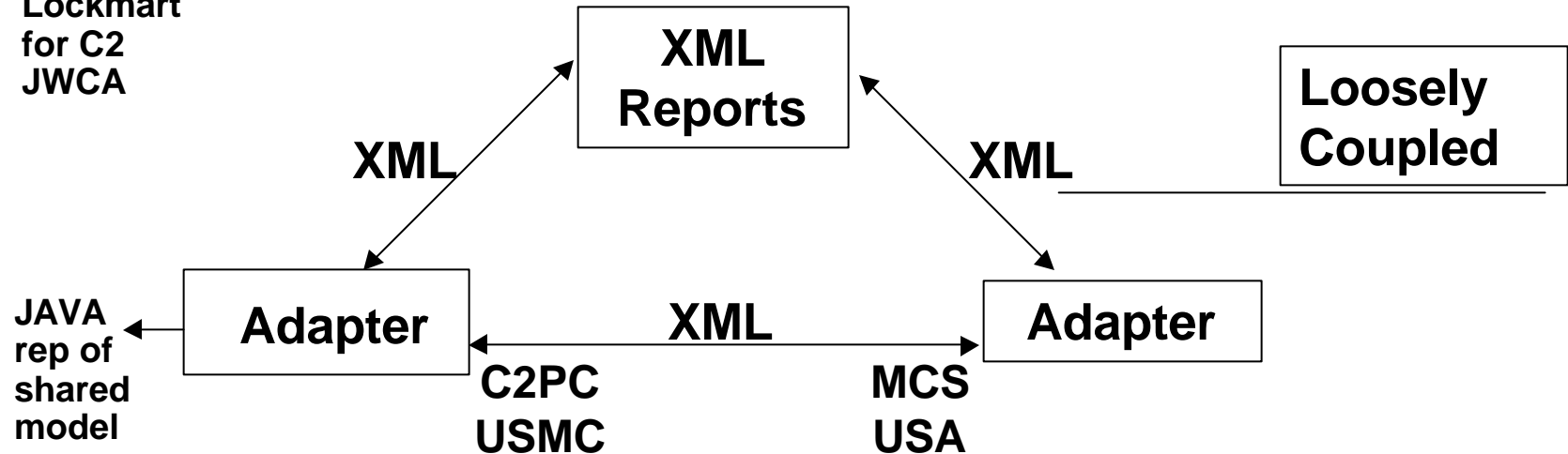
# Backup

# Technical Approach: Underlying Data is Key

This is commercial friendly &  
coalition friendly!

JPN Proto:  
Lockmart  
for C2  
JWCA

## Common Shared Object Model



## Vs. a Common Database Approach

All Services, synchronized, with coalition partners specify:

F-14

or F14

or F/14

or TMCT

or F14TMCT, etc. etc.

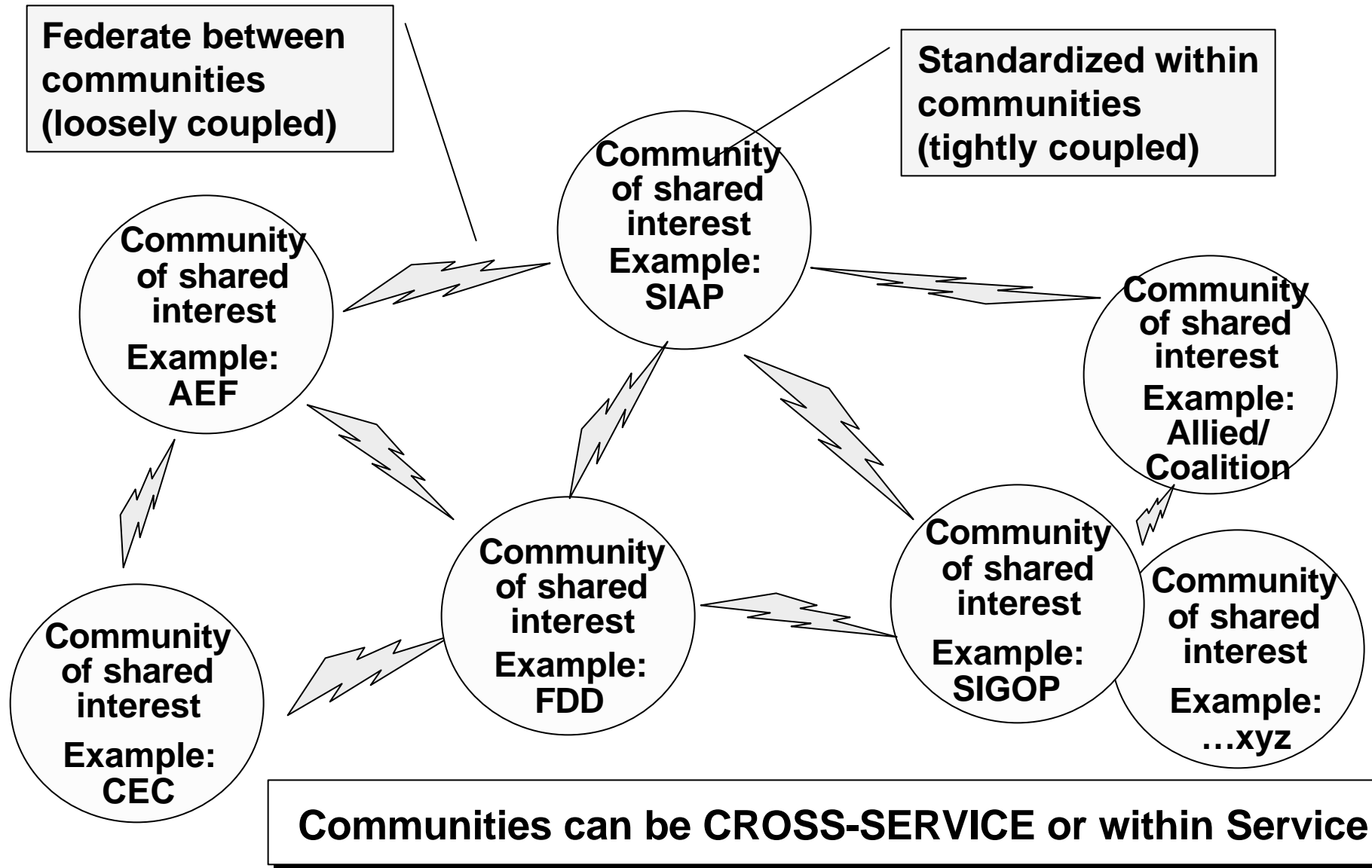
You Must Pick ONE!

Tightly  
Coupled

IF ANY, OR ONE, PLAYER CHANGES, RIPPLES THROUGHOUT!

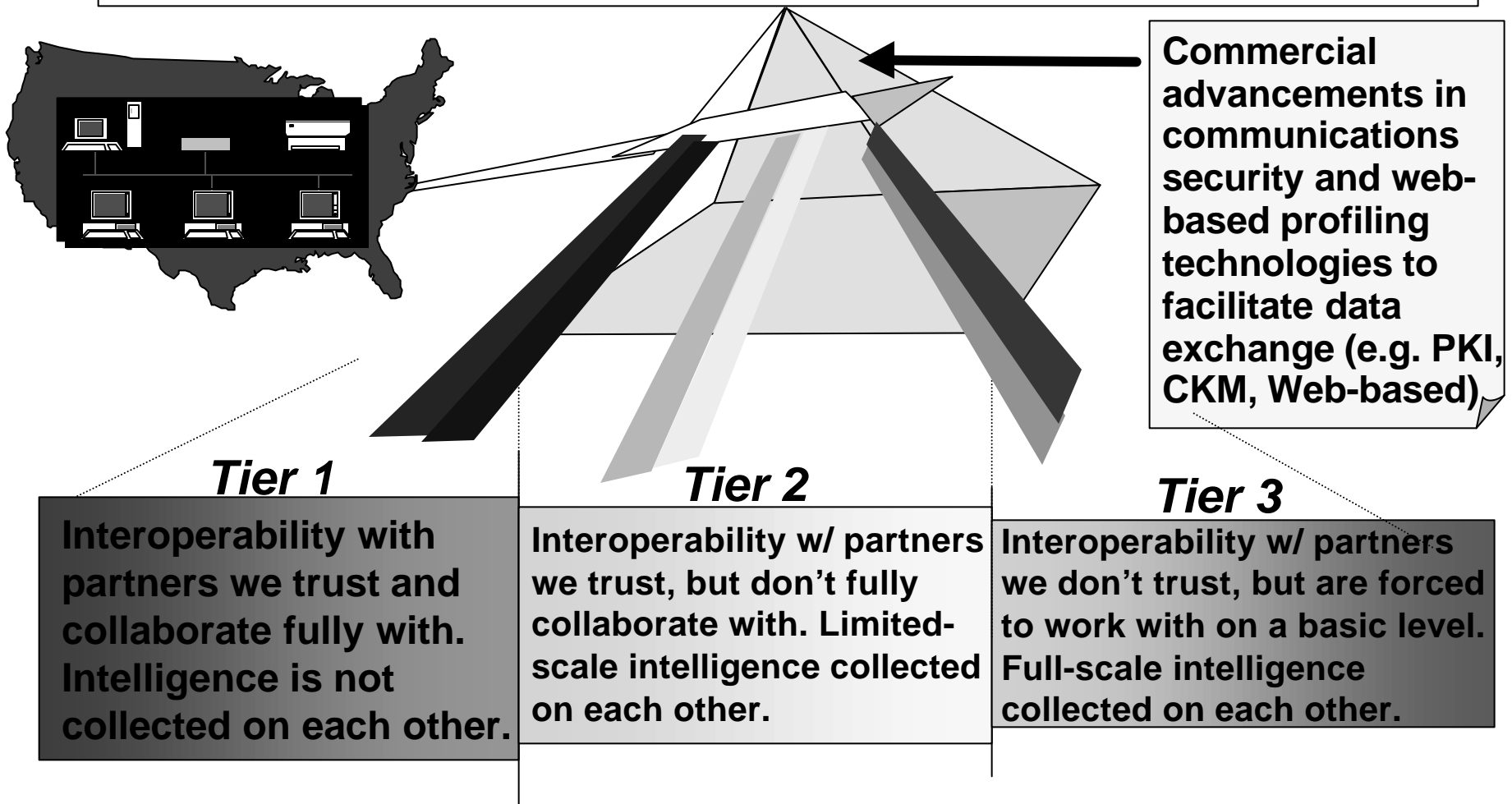
This is a synch. nightmare!

# Data Strategies: Both Approaches Have Merit if Done Correctly



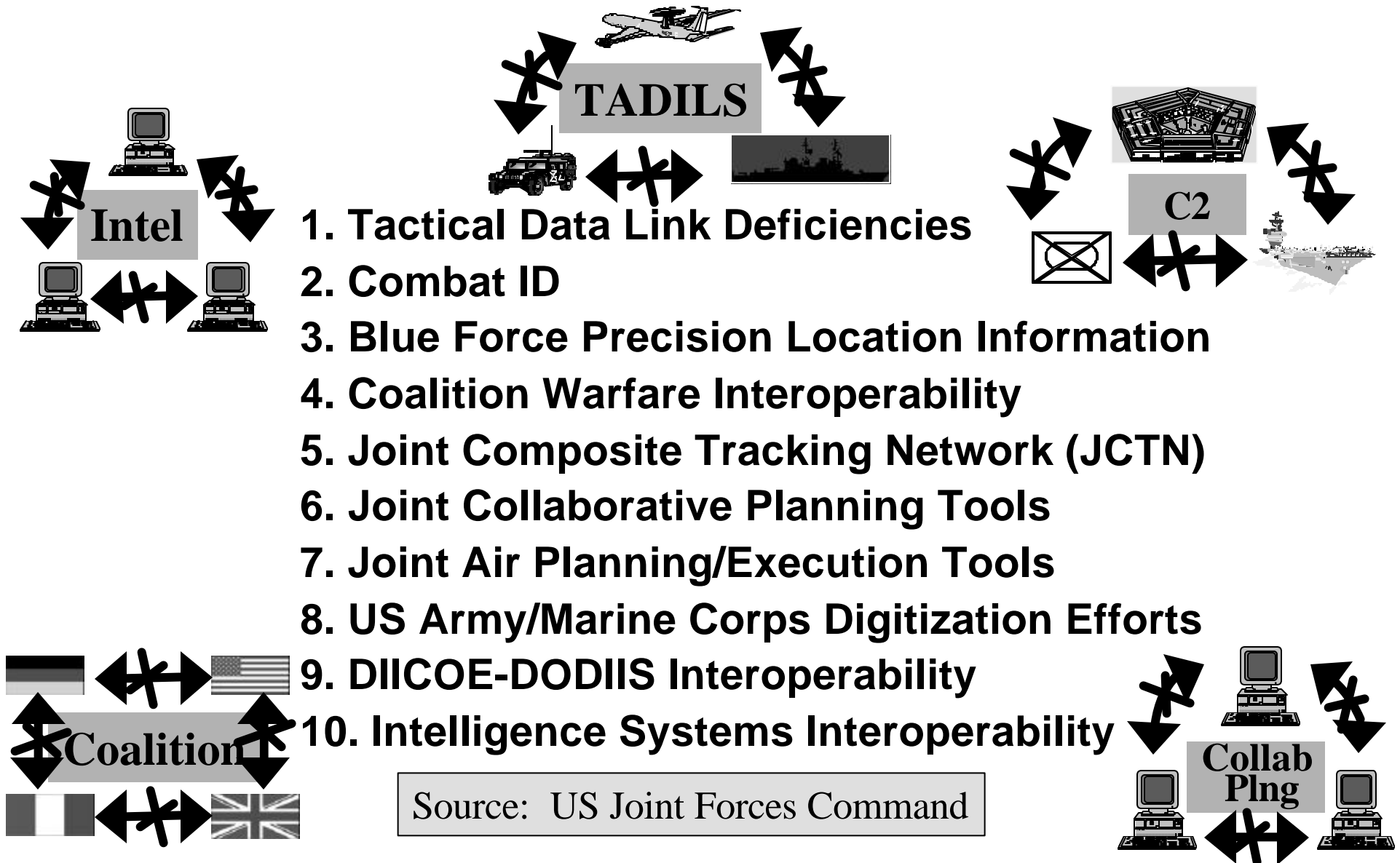
# **Spectrum of Interoperability with Coalition Partners:**

## ***3 Tiers of Coalition Interoperability***



**Interoperability must be tested with each tier of coalition partners to determine if needs are being met on both sides!**

# Top 10 Interoperability Issues



# Potential Service Tasks for FIOP Implementation

- **Task 1: Develop FIOP system architecture - show “as needed” interoperability between all service systems from Global Command and Control System (GCCS) down to the lowest, tactical-level systems like Force 21 Battle Command, Brigade and Below (FBCB2).**
- **Task 2: Develop an underlying data strategy for the Common Operational Picture, the Common Tactical Picture, and the Air/Ground/Maritime Pictures.**
- **Task 3: Correct TQI on Link 16.**
- **Task 4: Optimally combine JCTN and Link 16 for air and ground and maritime tracks.**
- **Task 5: Analyze and implement CDMA-like technology to maximize bandwidth use (Code Division Multiple Access) in tactical data information link radios.**
- **Task 6: Develop a rapidly deployable/easily configurable information security architecture that supports transmission of battlespace data to (and acceptance from) coalition servers in accordance with mission needs.**